

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2012
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL

Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Donna Claffy, LaVonne McClairen, Pat Mencinkas, David Ginter, Edie Bukwa, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: Kamil Jaruga.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of April 10, 2012 Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the February 28, 2012 minutes with revisions; the motion was properly seconded and carried.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#12-030-9015 The complaint alleges that the facility did not include the guardian in the care and decision making of her ward. A release of information has been obtained. Donna made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#12-030-9016 The complaint alleges that the facility detained, restrained and administered forced psychotropic medication to a recipient for no adequate reason.. A release of information has been obtained. LaVonne made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9017 The complaint alleges that the facility detained, restrained and administered forced psychotropic medication to a recipient for no adequate reason. A release of information has been obtained. Beth made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9018 The complaint alleges that the recipient was told he would be held overnight and then transferred to a state mental health center, but he was then detained for 25 days. In this time he was denied phone calls and contact with clergy or advocacy, was exposed to other recipients' open wounds, was made to share soap, a comb, and deodorant with other recipients, was kept in

a filthy room, and was denied his clothing and eye glasses when he was discharged. A release of information has been obtained. David made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9019 The complaint alleges that the facility would not give the guardian information regarding her ward's medication so that she could order it for him when he was discharged. Also, the ward's clothing was stolen while he was hospitalized and the staff denied this although it was recorded in the ward's discharge documentation. A release of information has been obtained. Pat made a motion to accept the complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

LaVonne made a motion to go into closed session at 5:38 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:25 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None

Report of Findings:

#11-030-9021 Stroger Hospital. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9023 Stroger Hospital. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9018 Chicago Read. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#11-030-9019 HRDI. Beth made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was seconded and carried.

#12-030-9005 Libby Elementary. Closure postponed pending provider response.

Case Status Reports:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. The provider was not able to comply with the date of the subpoena. The HRA voted to extend the subpoena deadline to June 19, 2012 at the request of the VA, at which time they have agreed to a site visit. The subpoena remains in effect until the site visit is completed.

#12-030-9002 and #12-030-9004 Presidential Pavilion. A site visit date has been set for 5/31/12 for both cases.

#12-030-9003 Loretto. A site visit date has been set for 5/29/12.

Announcements and Comments:

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa